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Stanley Library offers a wide selection of books, talking books, language tapes, newspapers (including the Wakefield Express), magazines, and an A4 colour photocopier (please enquire for prices). There are also public access computers with free internet access and basic software e.g. word processing. It is free to use the computer; users just need a current library card.

WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK	
Mondays 11am - 11.30am	**Storytime:** Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
Mondays 1pm-3pm	**Bingo:** Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
Tuesdays 10-12pm	**Adult Craft & Chat:** Join us for a friendly session of crafting.
Tuesdays 12pm	**Library stroll:** a gentle hour long walk in the local area.
Thursdays 10am-12pm	**Coffee morning:** Meet friendly faces, have a chat, a cuppa and maybe a quiz at our weekly coffee morning. All welcome.
Thursdays 2.30pm-4.30pm	**Family Games:** You'll never be bored at our family games sessions. Fun for all the family! 
Fridays 10am-12pm	**Mindful morning:** Relieve stress and anxiety by focussing on mindful colouring, painting and puzzles.
Fridays 1pm	**Chair based exercises:** gentle exercise session
Fridays 3.30pm - 4.30pm	 **Lego Club:** Build Lego scenes, stories and characters. Lego provided. All ages welcome.
Saturdays 10.30am	**Family Crafts:** Colour, craft and create at our family craft session.
Saturdays 10am-1pm	**Family History Sessions:** Discover the secrets of your past with our resident family history expert.

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

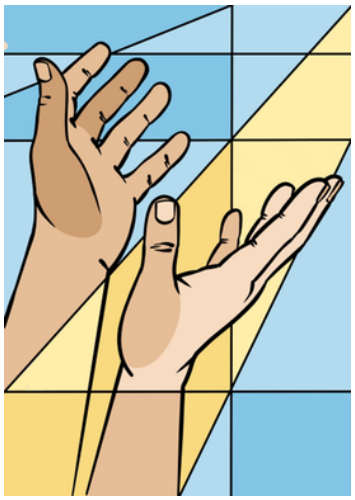
Monday	9.30am - 5pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am - 7pm
Friday	9.30am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed all day

Stanley Readers' Group



First Monday of the month 10am-11am: come and join our discussions! Ask in the library for more information or contact Mary on 07900 534571.

Contact Stanley Library: Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HU
Telephone: 01924 303130,
Email: stanleylibrary@wakefield.gov.uk



Morning prayer every Monday 9.30am

Join us on Monday mornings at St Peter's Church for a weekly morning prayer service led by Rev Diane Komorowski. This is a short, informal service lasting 15-30 minutes following various worship styles and including a passage from the Bible and with opportunity for prayer. **All welcome.**

Children's Ark

A relaxed and friendly baby and toddler group for pre-school children and their carers. Come and enjoy a cuppa and meet friends. £1.50 per child.

Play! Singing! Snacks! Stories! Toys!

Every **Thursday** in term-time at St Peter's church from **9:15am to 11am**

Phone 01924 835746 or 07746 849509 for more info





Knit & Natter

St Peter's Church,
Every Wednesday
1.30pm-3.30pm

Enjoy a cuppa, company and a 'crafty' afternoon!

New members always welcome— knit, sew, swap patterns and ideas, learn new skills, and share friendship, conversation and refreshments.

Come along for a very warm welcome

Stanley Community Singers
Every Monday, 1pm-2pm, St Peter's Church

The Stanley Community Singers offers a warm welcome to anyone who enjoys a good sing! There is no audition and no previous experience required, just a love of singing!

Come and make friends and enjoy a good sing!

The cost per session is £2.50. Light lunches are available from 12pm in our café and refreshments are available after the singing with time to chat.

Our Christmas Concert is at St Peter's on Sunday 13th December at 3pm



EVENTS IN STANLEY THIS MONTH

Services and events every week at St Peter's Church

Sundays 10.45am



Family Communion service: with Holy Communion most Sundays and refreshments after the service.

Mondays 9.30am

Morning Prayer service: a short, informal service every Monday morning. All welcome.

Mondays 1pm - 2pm



Stanley Community Choir New members always welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy singing!

Tuesdays 10.30am - 1.30pm

Tuesday lunch club for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£6.

Tuesdays 1.45pm & 7.30pm



Bible Study group in church at 1.45pm and at Libby's house at 7.30pm. All welcome.



Wednesdays 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Knit & Natter with crafts, chat and refreshments. New members always welcome.

Thursdays 9.15am - 11am



Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks. Cost £1.50 per child.

Special services and events this month

Weds 4th Nov 10am-12pm

'The Centre' Drop-in Cafe will be serving bonfire night themed snacks and refreshments. Please call in!

Sunday 8th Nov 10.45am



Remembrance Sunday service with the uniformed groups. Starting at 10.45am on the old church site by the war memorial, and continuing in church from 11am.

Saturday 14th Nov 10.30am-12.30pm



Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more!

Sunday 15th Nov 10.45am

Rev Bill Henderson will be attending our morning service and telling us about his recent visit to Tanzania.

Wed 18th Nov

PCC meeting at 7.15pm

Thursday 26th Nov 1.30pm

Mothers' Union meeting New members are always welcome to join our group. Just turn up!

Saturday 28th Nov 10am-12.30pm



Christmas Fair at St Peter's church with lots of stalls and refreshments. Please join us for a lovely morning.

Sunday 29th Nov to Sat 5th Dec

Cinderella Pantomime Tickets are on sale now!
See page 6 for dates, times, prices and how to book.





Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November
10am-12.30pm

Our Christmas Fair will have lots of refreshments including bacon sandwiches, and various stalls such as cakes, homemade craft items, raffle, bottle tombola, soft toys, and much more.

Please join us for a lovely morning!

St Nicholas Parade service

10.45am, Sunday 6th December

The St Nicholas family parade service is an opportunity to donate a gift for a child who might otherwise not receive much this Christmas. The gifts will be collected at our Sunday service on 6th December and will be distributed by the Salvation Army who give out thousands of presents every year.

Presents should be UNWRAPPED, and can be for children aged 0-16 years.

Cinderella Pantomime!

Tickets are now on sale for this year's pantomime, 'Cinderella'. The dates and times of the shows are as follows:

- 3pm Sunday 29th November
- 7.15pm Monday 30th November
- 7.15pm Tuesday 1st December
- 7.15pm Friday 4th December
- 3pm Saturday 5th December
- 7.15pm Saturday 5th Dec



Note - no show on the Weds or Thursday.

Tickets are £7.50 for adults, £5 for children and concessions. Email us on churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk or book via our Facebook page.

Join us for more Christmas silliness!

The Centre - new monthly drop-in

Wednesday 4th Nov, 10am-12pm

Our new monthly drop-in cafe, 'The Centre' will offer refreshments, cakes and a few stalls. This month it will have a Bonfire night theme, with parkin, and gingerbread.

Next month 'The Centre' will be open on Wednesday 2nd December. Do please join us for friendship and chat.

From the Stanley Parish Register

Baptisms

Mireya Jane Decaux Land — 18th October 2026

Funerals

Carol Eden (at Wakefield Crematorium) — 2nd October 2026

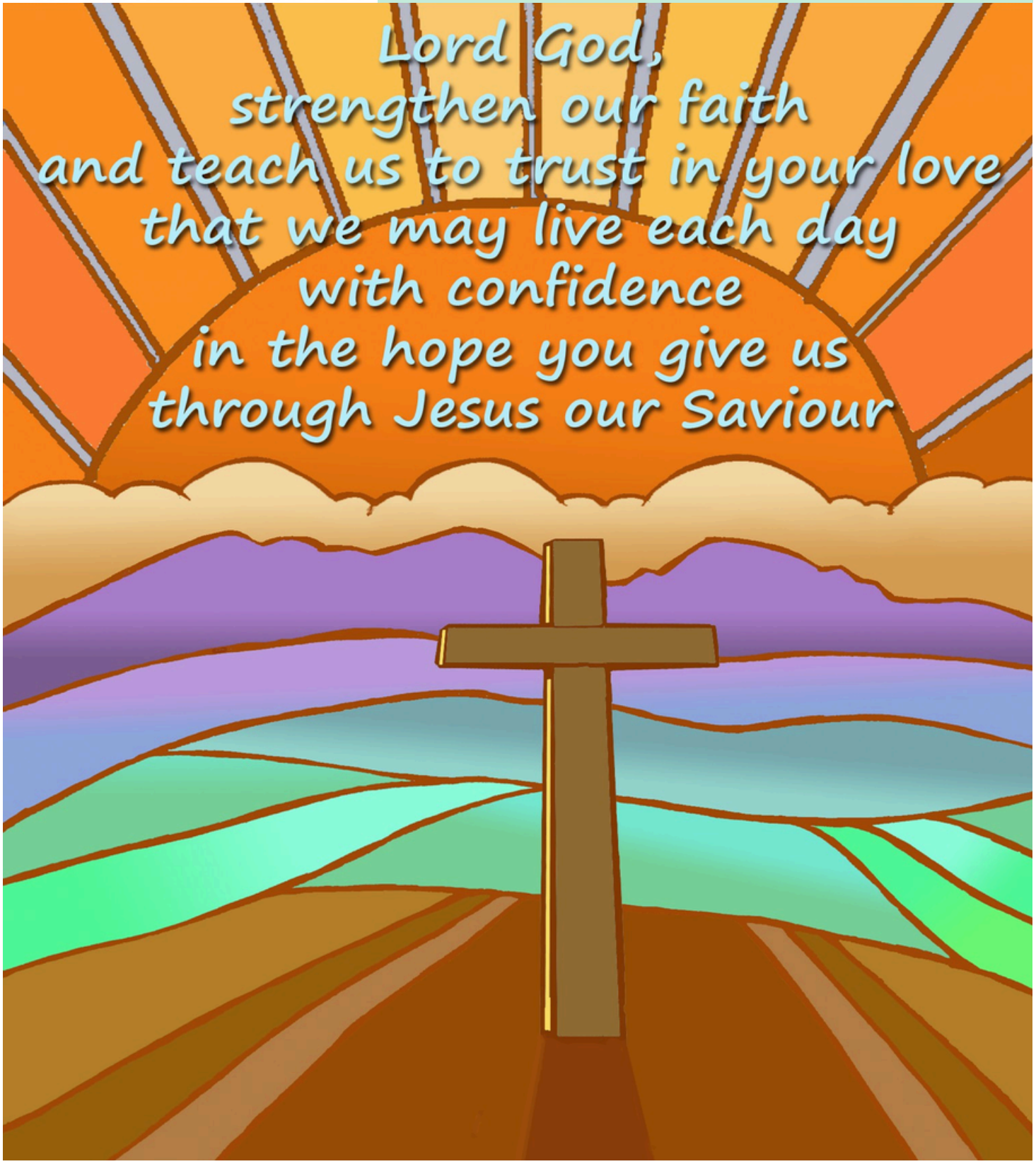
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Newsletter for November 2026



Dear Friends, November is a rather peculiar month, isn't it? The excitement of summer feels like a distant memory, the clocks have gone back, the evenings are drawing in, and suddenly we find ourselves wondering whether it's too early to put the heating on (or, indeed, the Christmas decorations up!). There is something about November that invites us to slow down, to pause, and to reflect. In the life of the Church, it is a month associated with remembrance, thanksgiving, and hope.

We begin with the great celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. At All Saints, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, both the well-known saints whose names fill our calendars and the ordinary, faithful people whose lives have quietly reflected the love of Christ. At All Souls, we remember those whom we have loved and lost, holding them before God in prayer and trusting in his promise of eternal life.

Then, of course, comes Remembrance Sunday, when we gather as communities to remember those who gave their lives in war and conflict. We remember their courage, their sacrifice, and the enormous cost of war, while praying earnestly for peace in a world that so desperately needs it. These moments of remembrance remind us of something important: remembering is not simply about looking backwards. It is also about how we choose to live today.

When we remember the saints, we are encouraged to follow their example. When we remember our loved ones, we are reminded to cherish those still beside us. And when we remember those who have died in war, we are challenged to become peacemakers in our own communities.

As Christians, we are people of hope. Not a vague optimism that everything will somehow work itself out, but a deep and abiding trust that God's love is stronger than death, that light shines in the darkness, and that the darkness will never overcome it. And perhaps that is exactly what we need to hear as the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer.

As I continue to settle into life here in North Wakefield, I am increasingly grateful for the warmth, kindness, and welcome I have received. It is a joy to be part of communities where faith is lived out in such wonderfully ordinary ways: through friendship, generosity, prayer, and simply looking out for one another.

So, this November, amid the busyness of everyday life, I encourage you to find a little time for stillness. Light a candle, remember someone you love, say a prayer for peace, or offer a simple act of kindness. For even in the darkest months, God's light continues to shine.



Stay blessed.

Rev Millie

Events for this month

Weds 4th Nov, 10am-12pm **Stanley**
'The Centre' - a new monthly drop-in cafe with themed refreshments.

Remembrance Sunday services
Sunday 8th November

- Outwood at 9.15am
- Alverthorpe at 9.30am
- Stanley at 10.45am
- Wrenthorpe at 10.45am



Mon 9th November, 12pm **Wrenthorpe**
Forget-me-not bereavement group.

Weds 11th Nov, 10.30am **Outwood**
Armistice Day service in Outwood cemetery, with Rev Diane.

Sat 14th November, 10.30am **Stanley**
Coffee morning with refreshments, bacon sandwiches, raffle and more!

Sat 14th November, 11am **Outwood**
Autumn Fair in the Church Institute with various refreshments and stalls.

Sun 15th November, 10.45am **Stanley**
Rev Bill Henderson will be talking about his visit to Tanzania.

Sat 21st November, 10am **Wrenthorpe**
Women of Substance group, this month looking at the story of Sapphira.

Thurs 26th November, 1.30pm **Stanley**
Mothers' Union meeting in church.

Sat 28th November, 10am **Alverthorpe**
Lifeboat prayer meeting with Bible study, prayer and refreshments.

Sat 28th Nov, 10am-12.30pm **Stanley**
Christmas Fair with lots of stalls and refreshments. please join us!

Sun 29th Nov - Sat 5th Dec **Stanley**
Cinderella pantomime. See the Stanley page for performance dates and times, ticket prices and how to book.

Sat 5th Dec, 10am-2pm **Wrenthorpe**
Christmas Fair and FREE Craft & Create event with vairous stalls and refreshments, crafts for all ages and Santa visit.

Sunday 6th Dec, 10.45am **Stanley**
St Nicholas service: donate gifts for the Salvation Army to distribute locally to children in need.

Contact details for our clergy:

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Associate Vicar



Rev Millie Day
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St Peter's Church, Stanley



Lake Lock Road
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Stanley
St Peter's

Services every week at St Peter's:

10.45am on Sundays -Holy Communion
Our weekly family service includes Holy Communion most weeks, followed by refreshments and time to chat.

9.30am on Mondays—Morning Prayer
A short informal prayer service.

Weekly events at St Peter's

Mondays 1pm-2pm 	**Stanley Community Choir** New members welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy a sing-song.
Tuesdays 10.30am-1.30pm	**Tuesday lunch club** for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£6.
Tuesdays 1.45pm & 7.30pm	**Bible Study groups** every Tuesday, 1.45pm in church and 7.30pm at Libby's house. 
Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.30pm 	**Knit & Natter** Enjoy a cuppa, company & a 'crafty' time.
Thursdays 9.15am-11am	**Children's Ark** baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks.

Remembrance Sunday Service
Sunday 8th November



10.45am at the War Memorial

Our service will begin with a procession from church to the old church site for the Act of Remembrance and the reading of names. The service will resume in church after the 2 minute silence. The outdoor service will be streamed live to Facebook and to the TV screens in church.



Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November, 10am-12.30pm

With lots of great stalls, and refreshments including bacon sandwichese, cakes, crafts, soft toys, raffle, bottle tombola and much more!

Coffee morning - Sat 14th Nov 10.30am-12.30pm

Join us at our next monthly coffee mornings - they are a great place to chat and meet friends. There will be bacon sandwiches, refreshments, a raffle and tomobla.

Join us for a lovely morning of friendship and chat!



Mothers' Union Celebration Day

On Wednesday 7th October, members of the MU from across the Wakefield Episcopal Area gathered at St Catherine's Church to celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union. It was a joyful occasion and 11 members from Stanley went.



The day began and ended with prayer with an address from Father George Nairn-Briggs. There was entertainment from Dreamtime Creative, who told the story of Mabel Norton; and the Foster Carers' Choir. By the end of the day, people were dancing in the aisles to the music of Thinking Forward, a group formed to help with mental health.



There was a big birthday cake and Joan Mills from St Peter's, and the oldest MU member at 99, was invited to cut it.

Money was raised for AFIA and we all enjoyed a splendid buffet lunch. It was a wonderful day. It gave everyone the opportunity to meet with other members, share fellowship and help us to realise that we belong to a worldwide movement that has made a difference to thousands of families in its 150 years.

Many thanks to Sheila Crosby for organising such a successful event.

Our next MU meeting at St Peter's in Stanley will be at 1.30pm on Thursday 26th November. All are welcome!

Contact details for St Peter's Church

Clergy

For baptism and wedding enquiries, to request home communion visits and one-to-one prayer, please contact Rev Diane or Rev Millie—see page 3 for details.

Church Office

Room hire enquiries, information about church groups, publicity:

Eleanor Plant 01924 835746

churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk

Church Office roles

Jason Plant	Church Warden
David Sunderland	Church Warden
Libby Gates	PCC Secretary
Jason Plant	Treasurer

Safeguarding concerns

Joanne Bunn-Smith 07578 958385

Cinderella Pantomime

Pantomime tickets are now on sale! Email churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org. uk or send us a message via our Face-book page. Show dates and times:

- 3pm on Sun 29th Nov & Sat 5th Dec
- 7.15pm on Mon 30th, Tues 1st, Fri 4th and Sat 5th Dec

Tickets are £7.50 adults, £5 for children and concessions. Please come along!



'The Centre' drop-in event Wednesday 4th Nov, 10am-12pm

Our new monthly drop-in cafe will run on the first Wednesday of each month, with cakes, refreshments and a few stalls. This month, it will have a Bonfire Night theme.

St Mary Magdalene, Outwood



Leeds Road
Outwood
WF1 2JL

Outwood

St Mary Magdalene

Services at Outwood Church Institute	
Sundays, 9.15am	**Parish Mass**
Thursdays, 9.15am	**Morning Prayer**
Regular Events:	
Monday evenings	**Care4U Foster Carers' Choir**
Wednesdays 10am-12pm	**Free Drop-in** at the Church Institute: coffee/ tea, quizzes, music etc.
Friday 9.15am-11.15am	**Mini Monsters** at the Church Institute

Outwood Institute contact details

Institute Manager—Keith 07837 386891

Brownies—Rachel 07587 919263

Guides—Karen 07719 669146

Scouts— Josh or Toni 07407 497289

Wives Group— Norma 07854 780694

Mini Monsters— Barbara 07580 042854

Dance Class—Paula 07780 688623

Weight Watchers— Sarah 07775744237

Pre-school—Suzanne 01924 825688

Closure of Outwood Church

We regret to inform you that St Mary Magdalene church has been closed with immediate effect. We have been in contact with our architect and structural engineer for months, and we thought we had a few more years before we reached this situation. But it appears the church is moving due to a combination of the settling of old mining works, and the clay foundations drying out due to the hot weather. These factors have caused subsidence and damage to the church. The experts have advised that there is a real risk of masonry falling and this cannot be mitigated by props or other supports.

The congregation has moved to the Church Institute and Bishop Malcolm has given permission to conduct services there.

A great deal of work has taken place over recent weeks by church members to move essential items out of church into the institute, and plans are being made for the long term. Thank you to everyone who has helped, prayed, and sent messages of support. Please keep us in your prayers or let us know if you can offer financial or practical help.

Services, coffee mornings and all other activities will continue in the Institute

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Leeds

Our lovely Celebration event at St Catherine's went very well - see the St Peter's page for a review of the event!

Our next event will be the Diocesan Celebration and Commissioning of our Diocesan President Mrs Evelyn Haigh at Wakefield Cathedral on Monday 2nd November at 1.30pm. Bishop Smitha and Bishop Malcolm are attending. No tickets for this but please let us know if you intend to come as refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome!

At our last meeting we discussed the church Autumn Fair on 14th November; we are running the Brunch Kitchen. Plans were made for our AGM in November and our Christmas Lunch outing in December. We also found out about the sad news that the church is closing, so church life will be changing somewhat in the weeks to come. We would value your prayers as we come to terms with this sad state of affairs and keep the worship open in Outwood.

Please can I also ask for your prayers during the 16 days of Activism against Gender Abuse, from 25th Nov- 10th Dec for all those suffering from abuse of any kind. Abuse is often hidden, but God knows where it is happening. I have a video of my visit to the Diocese of Soroti in Uganda in 2000 which I am hoping to show at our AGM.

Contact me on 01924 825866.
Sheila Crosby, Branch Leader

Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

Clergy

For baptism and wedding enquiries, to request home communion visits and one-to-one prayer, please contact Rev Diane or Rev Millie—see page 3 for details.

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Benefice Magazine, Coffee mornings

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Safeguarding

Margaret Taylor 07534 805448

Sunday 8th November 9.15am
Remembrance Sunday service in Outwood Institute followed by the laying of wreaths around the flag pole in the churchyard

Wednesday 11th November 10.30am
Rev Diane will conduct an Armistice Day service in Outwood Cemetery.



Autumn Fair
Saturday 14th November from 11am in the Church Institute

St Anne's Wrenthorpe



121 Wrenthorpe Road
Wrenthorpe
WF2 0JS

Wrenthorpe

St Anne's

Services at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Sundays, 10.45am	**Holy Communion**
Wednesdays, 2.15pm	**Holy Communion**
Other weekly events (term time only)	
Mondays, 10am	**Cheeky Cherubs**
Mondays 3pm-4.30pm	**Youth drop-in**
Monthly events	
2nd Monday of the month, 12pm-2pm	**Forget-me-not friendship group**
3rd Saturday of the month, 10am-2pm	**Woment of Substance group**



Cheeky Cherubs

Our toddler group meets in church at **10am on Mondays in term time.**

It is for children aged 0-4 years and their carer to enjoy stories, activities, crafts and plenty of time to play!

Our **Young People's Drop-In** is every Monday 3pm-4.30pm for children in school years 7-11. Come and join us for a snack, games, creative activities, films, and chat. Our drop-in is every Monday after school in term-time only.



Women of Substance

Saturday 21st November, 10am-2pm

This month in our Women of Substance meeting we are looking at the story of Sapphira.

Hypocrisy might seem like a little sin - but not to God. In the first days of the church in Jerusalem, Christians were selling property to support the church financially. Sapphira and Ananias also made a sale, but only gave a portion of the money, despite claiming that they had given it all to the church. They wanted to look very generous yet keep lots of money for themselves. They could have donated however much they wanted; what they couldn't do was lie about it. Not to God!

Come and join us, you might enjoy it! Let me know if you plan to come so that I can make sure we have enough study materials, craft, and food to enjoy.



God bless you all,
Lynn Fowley
07890 589907
or ldfowley@live.co.uk

The Written Word & the Living Word

"*You are the only Bible some may read*" - so observed a preacher speaking about the Bible. But how can we reflect in the sort of people we are and how the Bible shapes our lives, if we never read it ourselves?



To avoid the trap of never reading the Bible, a number from our four congregations make use of Bible reading notes provided by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF).

There are five sets to choose from:
New Daylight: the most popular, includes a Bible text, thought-provoking comment and a prayer point or reflection.

Day by Day with God: written particularly to appeal to women.

The Upper Room: has a worldwide readership of 3 million, with meditations written by readers themselves.

Bible Reflections for Older People: the reflections aim to give strength and encouragement to those in later life.

Guidelines: for those looking for a deeper study of the Bible (not recommended for beginners).

If you would like to subscribe to a set of notes for 2027, now is the time to place an order. The cost for the year is £18 and is payable on receipt of the first set of notes, which will arrive by 1st January. Each set lasts 4 months, so there are 3 sets for the year. Order forms and sample copies will be available in our four churches during November. See Stuart Millington for more information.

Contact details for St Anne's Church

Clergy

For baptism and wedding enquiries, to request home communion visits and one-to-one prayer, please contact Rev Diane or Rev Millie - see page 3 for details.

Church Wardens

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Tracey Loftus 07375 590719
traceyloftus805@gmail.com

Treasurer

Charlie Dews 07445 891487

Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth 07443 459558

Remembrance Sunday Service

10.45am Sunday 8th Nov

All welcome to join us for this special service



It's time for our annual Christmas Fair & Craft event:

Christmas Fair

on Saturday 5th December from 10am-2pm at St Anne's

There will be something for everyone! - lots of stalls, lovely food, with Santa stopping by with a a gift for every child.

Also: **FREE Christmas Craft and Create** inside the church with crafts for everyone. Come along and make some lovely crafts and have a great time.



St Paul's, Alverthorpe



St Paul's Drive
Alverthorpe
WF2 0BT

Alverthorpe

St Paul's

We are St Paul's Church, Alverthorpe

Sunday and mid-week services:

9.30am Sunday morning	Holy Communion or a Morning Prayer Service
11am Wednesday morning	A short 'said' Holy communion

We have tea and coffee after all services. We are on Facebook, and broadcast live every Sunday morning service.

A WARM welcome guaranteed

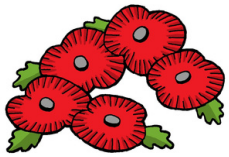


Lifeboat prayer group
Sat 28th November, 10am—11.30am

The Lifeboat prayer group is a spirituality group for for the whole benefice, meeting on the last Saturday of the month in the East Room at St Paul's church in Alverthorpe, from 10am—11.30am. We enjoy refreshments, a time of prayer, Bible study, and discussion. Everyone welcome.

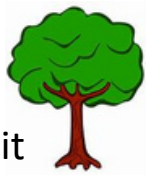
Remembrance Sunday Service
Sunday 8th November, 9.30am

Our Remembrance Sunday service will also be a parade service and we invite you to join us and our uniformed groups as we remember those who fought and died in defence of our nation throughout history. Vicky Wilson will be leading this service.



National Tree Week – 21st to 29th Nov

Did you know that the UK has 123,000 ancient and veteran trees, and more ancient oak trees than the rest of Europe combined? Did you also know that trees can help us feel better? Studies have found that exposure to forests generally reduces our mental and physical stress, anxiety, and depression.



95% of land carbon in the UK is stored in soil, and trees help put it there. When wood and leaves fall, their carbon gets stored in the soil. Hedgerows alongside our roads can reduce air pollution exposure by up to 63%.

Every year the Tree Council plant thousands of trees and hedgegrows. There are 80 community tree nurseries in the UK growing 250,000 trees a year.

Benefice Vision Day review

Thank you to everyone who attended the Benefice Vision Day at St Catherine's church on Saturday 3rd October. During the day, a Vision Statement was discussed and agreed:

"Sharing God's love through faith, hope and community"

Each of the churches decided on an area of development to focus on during the year ahead. These are:

- St Peter's: developing links with families
- St Mary's Magdalene: developing links with community
- St Anne's: developing their work with young people
- St Paul's: developing a ministry of healing and restoration.

All the churches will strive to ensure that their mission and ministry reflect both the Benefice vision statement and their area for development.

It was really was a lovely day of building friendships across the four churches. Thank you to everyone who came along and contributed to our discussions about how we can develop our worship and our outreach to all our communities.

Contact details for St Paul's Church

Clergy

For baptism and wedding enquiries, to request home communion visits and one-to-one prayer, please contact Rev Diane Komorowski—see page 3 for details.

Church Warden

David Dews

Uniformed groups

Cubs meet Monday evenings, Beavers and Scouts meet Friday evenints:

Bill Sim 01924 382245

Guides meet Wednesdays and Rainbows and Brownies meet Thursday evenings:

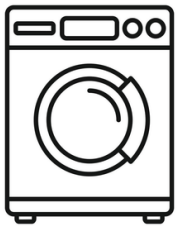
Mrs Pat Lambert 01924 376857

Energy Saving Tip

Eco Church practical steps to reduce emissions and energy costs

Did you know.....

Tumble dryers are one of the most expensive appliances to run?



- A tumble dryer costs 79p/hour
- Electric clothes airer costs 7p/hour
- Drying clothes on the washing line costs…nothing

If you reduced your use or didn't use the tumble dryer at all, you would save about £40 a year

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Every month we aim to bring you some practical, everyday steps that households can take to reduce emissions, adapt to extreme weather, and lower energy costs. *Jackie Clark*

Prayers for this month



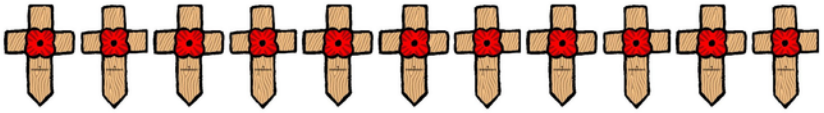
Prayer for November

At this dark and dismal time, when the year is closing down and our lives get busier and the world more confusing, we can sometimes become discouraged and low in spirits. Help us to adjust our perspective, to turn and look up, to focus afresh on You, to remember that Your name is above all names, above discouragement, above despair, above confusion.

Help us to be thankful for each day that You have made, recognising each one as a gift from You, to be treasured and lived fruitfully.

May we welcome Your powerful, healing light into our hearts and lives – Your light, which no darkness can dim. Help us to remember your words: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"*. Help us to follow you and walk in the light, this November and always. In your name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Remembrance

In November we come to remember
How war tore our country apart,
From village and town and all around
Men and boys left home and hearth.

Mothers and wives and sisters all
Saw their brave young men go away,
For some it meant the ultimate price
As they gave their tomorrows
for our today.

Another Man left His home above
To rescue this world from sin,
It cost Him His life which He freely gave
So new life could enter in.

In this world there will always be war,
But the time will surely be
When the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

By Megan Carter

The Gentle King

Christ the King – His gentle grace
Will not be found in halls of stone.
But in the still and quiet place
Where prayers are gathered, pleas
made known.

His mighty hand holds sword nor spear,
No weapons fly at His command;
But earthly empires disappear
Crushed by faithful, prayerful hands.

No crown of gold – His royal brow
Bore only crown of braided thorn;
Yet ev'ry knee to Him will bow
Every person ever born.

We come before our Sovereign King
We gaze upon His shining face.
How loud our Alleluias ring!
We're saved by His amazing grace!

By Nigel Beeton

Update from Stanley Residents' Group (SRG)

Our next meeting is on **Mon 16th Nov** at **The Wheatsheaf Pub** at **7pm.**

Ho Ho Ho from Stanley Residents Group. Here we are already in November and looking forward to Christmas. At the time of writing, our volunteers are busy co-ordinating Santa comes to Stanley.

There was speculation that the event might be in jeopardy due to restricted access to our Community Centre. However, plans are coming together as we work with our new Councillors, local businesses and in particular the local pubs to make sure that **SANTA WILL COME TO STANLEY!**

The date is set for **Tue 1st Dec** and although you will notice some differences this year, there will **definitely be a Santa** and there will **definitely be presents** for the children. With lots of fun and community spirit, we hope you will enjoy it just as much as before.



If any businesses would like to be involved / help fund aspects of the evening, please pop along to our next meeting to find out more OR get in touch via the SRG Website 'Contact Us' page OR email: stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com.

Your paragraph text

We will publish final details ASAP. Scan the **QR code** to visit the **SRG website** https://www.stanleyresidentsgroup.org or watch out for posts on our **Facebook** page and **Community Noticeboard** as well as **Posters** throughout the village.

Sing-a-long-a scripture attracts one million song plays



This is listening to the Bible, but NOT as you've known it. A new website which offers 38,048 individual recordings of chapters of the Bible being sung, in 16 different genres, has become a smash hit world-wide, with one million song plays in only the first two weeks of its existence. **TheSinging.Bible** offers the equivalent of five months of continuous listening, without repeating a chapter. It is free to use and does not need to be downloaded. Visit https://TheSinging.Bible.

Listeners can enjoy the Bible in mix of musical styles, including country, hip-hop, hard rock, opera, sea shanty, barbershop quartet, Latin and reggae. The music has been described as "human-led and AI-assisted". The scripture is in an edition of the Berean Standard Bible. While the music plays, the full text of each chapter is displayed on screen. Thus, you can hear Jonah chapter 1 in sea-shanty style, while St John's Gospel is given in a thundering hard-rock style. It really is worth a listen!!

400th anniversary of St Peter's, Vatican City

Four hundred years ago, on 18th November 1626, St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City was completed. It is the largest church in the world (measured by its interior).

Planned at first by Pope Nicholas V in the 15th century, its construction started on 18th April 1506, under Pope Julius II. The idea was to replace a 4th century church – Old St Peter's Basilica – built by the Emperor Constantine, supposedly on the site of Peter's martyrdom and burial. The new building took 120 years to finish. Its dome, designed by Michelangelo, rises to a height of almost 450 feet from the floor of the Basilica to the tip of its cross and is the tallest dome in the world.



Despite its size and prominence, St Peter's Basilica is not the Pope's official seat and does not rank first of the major basilicas of Rome. That honour goes to the Pope's Cathedral, the Archbasilica of St John Lateran, which is also seen as the mother church of all churches in communion with the Catholic Church, despite being located outside Vatican City.

Nevertheless St Peter's functions for most purposes as the Pope's principal church, because nearly all Papal liturgies and ceremonies take place there: because of its location within Vatican City, its size, and the convenience of being close to the Papal residence. The liturgies at which the Pope presides draw congregations of up to 80,000 people who gather in St Peter's square outside.

St Peter's also contains the ancient "Chair of St Peter", a gift to Pope John VIII from Holy Roman Emperor Charles the Bald in 875 which, despite its dubious pedigree, is used to symbolise the line of apostolic succession.

Those Giant autumn house spiders!



We've all been there – quietly relaxing at home, when suddenly a HUGE thing with long legs scuttles right by you. You can't help but jump, and maybe also scream! What likely just scared you was a fully grown adult male Eratigena atrica. They are among the largest spiders in Central and Northern Europe. But it has not come in from the cold. It has been living warm and cosy, hidden in your house for weeks. Now it has left its dark hiding spot to race across your carpets with a definite purpose in mind: it is looking for love. For autumn is mating time for the big spiders, and there are also females living in your house...These spiders can have a body length of 1.6cm, and a leg span commonly up to 7.5 cm. The good news is that these spiders are as scared of you as you are of them, and they even pay their rent by eating your flies and other small bugs. So, try and be kind to them!

Stone of Scone – safe in Perth

Thirty years ago, on 30th November 1996, England officially returned the Stone of Scone to Scotland, after 700 years. It was the coronation stone of the Scottish and later English and British monarchs. It is now on permanent display in Perth Museum.

According to Scottish history the 336lb block of sandstone – also known as the Stone of Destiny – was first recorded in 1249 as being used for the Scottish coronation of Alexander III. It was then taken by Edward I of England in 1296, who transferred it to Westminster Abbey, where it was placed under the English Coronation Chair.

Geologists say the stone was quarried near Scone, two miles north of Perth. There is little doubt that it was kept at Scone Abbey as a symbol of Scottish sovereignty, but there are also claims that it came originally from Ireland. Another story says that it originated in biblical times, and was taken to Ireland by the prophet Jeremiah.



There are also suggestions that the stone taken by Edward 1 was a substitute, with the original hidden by local monks, perhaps in the nearby River Tay. Nevertheless, the stone taken by Edward stayed at Westminster for another six centuries, and was used in the coronation of Scottish Stuart kings on the English throne.

Scottish nationalist students stole the stone from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950, but accidentally broke it in two before its reappearance at Arbroath Abbey the following year. It was restored to Westminster in February 1952, but fragments of it appear to have gone missing during its repair.

Its official return to Scotland in 1996 was conditional on its returning to Westminster Abbey for coronations such as that of King Charles III in 2023.

5th November - Guy Fawkes



Guy Fawkes was born in 1570 into a Protestant family. Following his father's death, his mother remarried - to a Catholic man. Guy Fawkes converted to Catholicism, and became such an enthusiast for the Pope that he went on to join the Spanish Army, fighting for a time against the Protestants in Spain. Back in England, he decided to do all that he could to bring down the then Protestant government and restore a Catholic to the throne.

And so, in 1605 he joined a plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament at the State Opening, with the intent of killing both James I of England and his parliament. Guy Fawkes' role was to light the fuse on several barrels of gunpowder which had been put under the House of Lords. Fortunately, the plot was discovered in time. Guy Fawkes was tortured and executed for his treason. We remember, remember the 5th of November every year with our firework celebrations, and the cellars of Westminster are still searched before the State Opening of Parliament every year.

Tuesday Lunch Club

Every Tuesday 10.30am-1.30pm

The lunch club at **St Peter's church** is an ideal activity for older ladies and gentlemen, costing just £6 for a hot 2 course home-cooked meal, various activities and refreshments. We have a lot of fun and always learn some-thing new! Here is our plan for the next few weeks:

- Tues 3rd Nov: Remembrance Day
- Tues 10th Nov: Diwali & India
- Tues 17th Nov: Dance styles
- Tues 24th Nov: St Andrew's Day
- Tues 1st Dec: Xmas crafts

New members are always welcome
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Cartoon Corner



I haven't the heart to tell her the Bishop went home 20 minutes ago...

Friday Card Class

Fridays 12pm-2pm



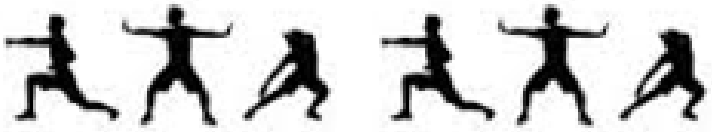
New members invited to join our Card Class at St Peter's Church!

Bring your own cards to make, or other craft items, and share skills!

£2 per week, includes refreshments

Contact Cheryl for more Information: 01924 828460

Tai Chi Class



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